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PORTO RICO.

*Reports from Ponce.*PONCE, P. R., *March 24, 1902.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended March 22, 1902:

During the week 5 vessels entered, 3 of which were detained in quarantine, as follows: Provisional flag steamship *Julia*, arriving on the 18th from Havana, Nuevitas, Gibara, Baracoa, Santiago, Santo Domingo, and Macoris. All passengers for Ponce were immunes and landed. Sixty-eight pieces of baggage and 2 sacks of mail from Santo Domingo were disinfected. French steamship *St. Domingue*, from Port au Prince, Jeremie, Les Cayes, Jacmel, Santo Domingo, and Mayaguez. Passengers were landed with disinfection of their baggage, 23 pieces and 1 sack of mail. Spanish steamship *Cuidad de Cadiz*, from Havana, Port Limon, Colon, Sabanilla, La Guayra, and Puerto Cabello. No passengers nor cargo for this port. Four bills of health were issued during the week. Of the 12 cases of smallpox previously reported, 6 have been discharged recovered; 6 new cases have been reported.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Inspection of immigrants at San Juan and subports for the week ended March 15, 1902.*SAN JUAN, P. R., *March 18, 1902.*

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended March 15, 1902. March 10, Spanish steamship *Saturnina*, from Liverpool, England, with 2 immigrants. March 12, Spanish steamship *Pio IX*, from Genoa, Barcelona, Valencia, Palma, Malaga, Cadiz, Las Palmas, Teneriffe, and La Palma, with 2 immigrants; American steamship *Philadelphia*, from Puerto Cabello, Curaçao, and La Guayra, with 3 immigrants. Total, 7.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,**Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*SAN JUAN, P. R., *March 18, 1902.*

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving during the week ended March 15, 1902, at subports of Porto Rico: *Mayaguez*.—March 14, Dominican schooner *IV Roma*, from Macoris, Santo Domingo, with 3 immigrants.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,

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